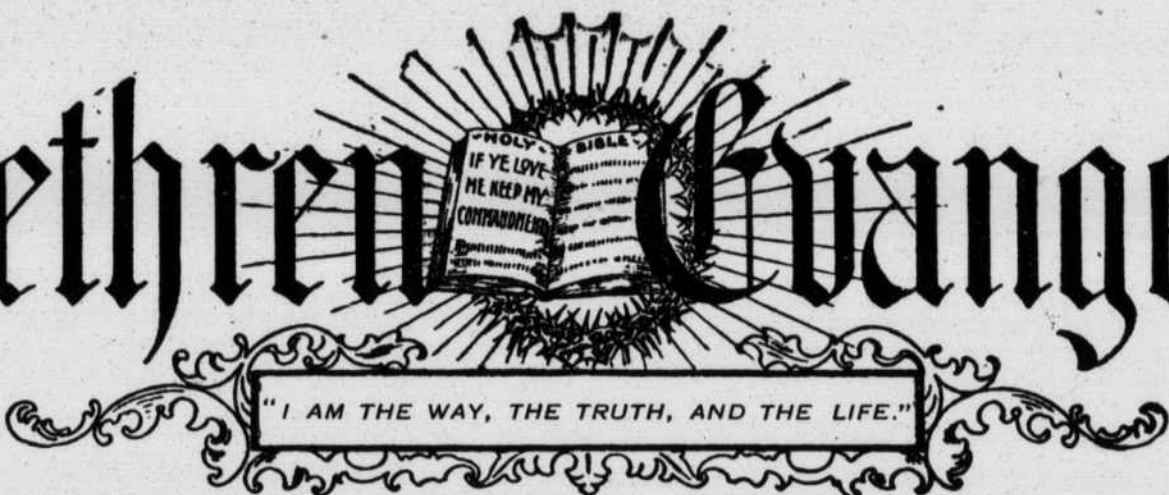


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Editorial.

By the time this issue of the paper reaches our readers the Indiana State Conference will be among the things of the past, the work of said conference will, however, be just begun.

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WE still have on hand a few Quarterlies and will be glad to fill orders as long as the stock lasts. *Cheering Words* for October 10, have all been sent out and orders for that paper must be supplied from another firm for that date.

THE October number of King's Children was mailed last week. It is a good number and should bring a large number of subscribers. The price is twenty-five cents a year. In clubs of ten or more twenty cents. Every society in the brotherhood should get up a club for this paper.

THE National Mission Board publishes its appeal in the form of an open letter to the churches in this issue. It is to the point and should have the earnest consideration of every member in the Brethren church. Until arrangements are made to send out the blank pledges referred to in the letter, churches will do a practical ser-

vice by sending contributions to the National Secretary, J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia, Pa., 709 Arch Street.

LAST week we received a few orders for Sunday-school supplies as late as Friday. The orders were marked "in haste. Must have them for Sunday." Brethren this was impossible. If you must have your supplies on the first Sabbath in the quarter then it is absolutely necessary that your order reaches us before Friday of that week.

THOSE FIVE HUNDRED.

We do not yet have the five hundred subscribers. We have one-twentieth of them. Brethren will you not please make another effort to swell the list? Pastors should bring the matter before their congregations and have a thorough canvass made. If you can not get yearly subscriptions you can certainly without much effort get them for the balance of the year at 25 cents.

Previously reported,	21
Sadie E. Hunter, Listie, Pa.,	1
H. M. Oberholtzer, Buckeye City, O.,	1
Laura E. N. Grossnickle,	1
W. H. Miller, Brighton, Ind.,	2
Israel Penrod, North Manchester, Ind.,	2

Total,	28
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NATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

We call attention to the "Open Letter" of the National Mission Board thro its secretary, J. C. Cassel, on another page of this issue. It is a lucid statement of the real condition of things and should have the careful and prayerful consideration of all who feel an interest in the cause represented by the Brethren church. Permit us to say first, that the National Mission Board is composed of eight members, one from each conference district in the brotherhood, and is the creation of the National Conference of the Brethren church. Brother Cassel as secretary

speaks by the authority and with the approval of the Board and the Board is supposed to represent the sentiment of the National Conference, while the Conference speaks the sentiment of the Brethren church. The plan of the Board therefore as announced in this issue is the dictum of the Brethren church and as such we ask for it the respectful consideration which it justly merits from every member of the church. We wish to say second, that the BRETHREN EVANGELIST as the official organ of the church, is unequivocally committed to the support of the mission work and will use its influence editorially and otherwise for the furtherance of the cause instituted by Christ more than eighteen hundred years ago. Third, personally we heartily approve of the methods adopted by the Board to raise money with which to carry on its work. We believe them to be practicable and reasonable and also *practical*, and if carried out capable of wonderful developments and results.

There are a few points in the "Open Letter" which we wish to emphasize, and this we will do by a mere repetition of what has already been expressed. One is that touching the home work. There are those who think that collecting money in this way might interfere with the support of their home work, that is the local expenses of the congregation to which they belong or of which they may be pastor, and for this reason may not encourage the work of the National Board as outlined by its members. This fear is without any foundation. We give it as our own experience that every dollar paid by a congregation for missionary purposes will make the home work one dollar easier to bear. This may seem to you a paradox, but it is only apparently so, and on the same principle exactly that we save our life by losing it and lose it by saving it. The dollars that come out of your congregation for missionary work will, when the results are reported, create such enthusiasm